

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76732

KIM TORBEN WALTER , et al.

Appln. No.: Continuation of 09/709,560

Confirmation No.: 4919

Group Art Unit: 1762

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Examiner: Eric B. Fuller

For: A PROCESS FOR COATING BODIES, INCLUDING TABLETS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/709,560 filed November 13, 2000, which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/223,311 filed December 30, 1998; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please add the following new claim:**

9 (New). A process according to claim 1, wherein each of the bodies being coated has a maximum dimension of from 3 to 25 mm.